

Jenkins House Preservation Planning Project Information

Background

The Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) acquired the area known as Lesage/Greenbottom Swamp in Cabell County, WV as a part of environmental mitigation efforts for the Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam Replacement Project. After developing wetlands in the mitigation tract, the Corps leased the tract to the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) and WVDNR now manages the land for fish and wildlife benefits. WVDNR has sub-leased a four acre portion of the tract that includes the Jenkins House to the West Virginia Division of Culture and History (WVDCH) which operates the Jenkins House as a house museum.



Purpose & Need

The purpose of preservation planning is to identify, prioritize and evaluate preservation actions necessary to sustain the integrity, original fabric and character of the house from the period of significance (1835-1860). Preservation alternatives, including floodproofing measures, must meet the following objectives:

- Architectural Values – retain significant character defining features such as historic fabric, materials, design, craftsmanship
- Historical Associations – consider historic setting, landscape, and land use patterns
- Archaeology – consider impacts to known and potential archaeological sites
- Wise Investment – choose appropriate and long lasting treatments
- Public Benefit – maintain access and authentic experience
- Interpretation – anticipate future programming needs
- Preservation Standards – conform with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards

Public Comments

The Corps is soliciting public and agency input and comments during a 30-day public scoping period to help identify the scope of issues to be considered during development of the Preservation Plan. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Corps will prepare an Environmental Assessment to evaluate potential impacts to the natural, physical, and human environment resulting from Jenkins House Preservation activities. If you would like to receive a copy of the draft Environmental Assessment/Preservation Plan when it is available for review and comment, please provide your name and mailing address to Amanda Dethman as listed below.

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